

**Community Conversation:
Environmentally Sustainable Kirkland**

Tuesday, January 27, 2009 6:00-8:30 p.m. Woodmark Hotel, Marina Room

SUMMARY

What does environmental sustainability mean to me?

- Sustainability is a huge concept. It affects everything. People, individuals, transportation, energy, housing... on and on
- Stabilize and minimize human impact on natural environment.
- Like to have grandchildren be able to enjoy the earth as we have
- Saving our planet through individual/community efforts through the use of environmentally friendly products and materials, saving energy and buying local.
- Respect Nature, Reuse, Recycle
- Recycle, Reuse, Respect your surroundings (Mother Nature) lead by example
- Make shoreline natural
- Create in local communities amenities you would otherwise drive for
- Recognition of good stewardship. Influence behavior to sustainability
- Living cleaner, longer and sharing the environment in more friendly attitude with others
- Environmental sustainability is the conscious effort of being involved in a project that does not harm our earth in the process of development
- Environmental sustainability means respecting the world and to leave nature, land etc. in a better position for my grandchildren
- More walkable Kirkland
- Have positive impact i.e. water quality... reduce fertilizers
- Meeting the needs of the current generation without depleting the resources of future generations
- Add energy efficient bulbs and turn down heat at Woodmark Hotel
- Limiting your foot print to what you need
- Informing and educating others on ways they can improve
- Leaving this city in a better position than when I arrived
- Balance of resources and use. Stewardship. Conscious choices. Community vs. individual mindset. Transparency is tipping point
- No undue burden on ecosystem- air, water, land. Cost/ output of production minimizes impact on above. Reusable and/or recyclable. Replanting.
- Follow the camper's rule: Leave the site in better shape than you found it
- Living your life by showing respect for the earth by your actions and deeds.
- Reducing my impact on the place where I live.
- Continued consumption will not harm or deplete any resource or species. Ideally: business as usual= positive environmental impact.
- Low consumption with whatever consumption does occur decomposes as understanding grow/ decompose cycle

- Raising awareness. Making choices that aren't always easy (or inexpensive) but are always right. Taking action and doing so often enough that it becomes unconscious.
- Support "green" establishments.
- Respect and conserve.
- Eternal life for our environment
- Thoughtful and respectful use of resources.
- City lead the way: Incorporate dealing with green house gases in Comp Plan (*Comprehensive Plan*)
- Practices and lifestyle that makes as little impact in the environment; including consuming resources at a replaceable rate, generating as little waste as possible, and acting as a conscious steward of my planet, nation, and neighborhood. Continuing active education of best practices of sustainability.
- Food: Where do products and produce come from. (*Use*) More local resources.
- Incentive to walk; make time to walk.
- Opportunity to build community on how as a neighborhood we can do more/ownership take of ourselves.
- We live off the interest not the principal- leave behind to the next generation what existed during our stay on earth- no less!
- Takes many pieces; a comprehensive plan to provide non-motorized choices
- Preserve today's quality for future growth
- Improve bicycle lanes- sweep! Keep manhole covers out of bike lane.
- Small Footprint! Using locally produced items. Wise transportation choices
- Environmental sustainability doesn't mean anything to me. I reject the qualifier "environmental." To me sustainability is holistic because environmental concerns also have economic and social impacts. And you can't talk meaningfully only about "environmental" sustainability, (*this*) means it could go on (a process a product) forever as is, no changes needed
- The classic definition is to live within our means, i.e. we don't borrow from future generations
- Minimize energy usage, esp. fossil fuels. Minimize usage of land for unhealthy purposes, e.g. landfills and polluted ground.
- Living in a way so that our children have clean air to breathe and fresh water to drink.
- Local – Balance. Less Resources. Preserving Ecosystem. Considering Lifecycle. Enable Future Generations to enjoy, thrive.
- Having minimal impact on the environment. –(drive less, buy local, don't buy stuff, grow food, use little energy, drink tap water- don't buy water!!

Who can help achieve Kirkland's sustainability?

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| • Business Leaders | • City Council |
| • Neighborhood Associations (Condo Associations) | • Professional & Trade Organizations |
| • Churches | • Community Activists |
| • Non Profit Organizations | • Chamber of Commerce/KDA |
| • King County | • Business/Property Owners |
| • State Fish and Wildlife | • Environmental Organizations |
| • Trade Schools (NW University & Lake Washington Technical) | • Metro (<i>Transit</i>) and Sound Transit |
| | • Puget Sound Partnership |
| | • PTA (<i>Parent-Teacher Association</i>) |

- Scout Troops
- Arts Community
- Political Parties
- Federal Agencies/Laws
- Kirkland Schools
- Sports Organizations
- Neighborhood Contests
- City Web Site
- The press (*media*)
- Waste Management
- (*City*) Parks Department
- Events to have info booths
- Sustainable Kirkland and like groups
- Organizations that support their events within our city
- Youth and senior councils
- Argosy and other Boat businesses and yacht clubs and Kayak groups
- State and Fed Funding
- Evergreen Hospital
- Major Employers in and out/city
- Realtors
- City Hall- (Example solar panels LEED facility)
- Library system
- State regulatory framework

What is the responsibility of individual, government, business, non-profit organizations, community groups to achieve environmental sustainability?

Individual:

- Educating and informing others and your own family.
- Work with the media.

Government:

- Reward those that are taking steps toward the better city and cite those that don't. (Meaningful Incentives)
- Provide tools and resources and educate learn from other government.
- Share resources with other municipalities.
- Recognize and reward businesses that take the initiative.
- ISO 14001. (*International Organization for Standardization/environmental management standards*)
- Worksite training funded by Federal government.
- Create a Network starting with a list of emails of tonight's attendees.

State:

- Framework and tools (incl \$) change for achieving climate goals at local level.
- Regional Transportation Plan/ Vision Post Sound Transit 2.
- Building Energy/ Efficiency/ PHEV.
- Standards/ Requirements- Incentives for builders and buyers
- Green Power

Regional/ County:

- Education for architects, contractors, builders, funders
- Increased Efficiency for existing houses at sale

City:

- Lead by example
- Walkable, livable cities
- Leader in meeting state standards (GHG)

Federal:

- Auto emission/efficiency standards

- Incentives
- Cap and Trade
- Gas Price Floor

Individuals:

- Education in schools
- Peer Pressure

Individual:

- Comply w/ Regulations
- Pro-active
- Exercise Political Voice
- Do Something
- Education

Non-Profit:

- Education
- Lead by example
- Effective Advocates
- Funding

Community Group:

- Education
- Lead by example
- Organize work groups (i.e. adopt a park)
- Tree Planting
- Effective Advocates

Government:

- Regulation
- Education
- Incentives
- Lead by examples
- Events that build on message (i.e. local farmer's market)

Business:

- Education
- Incentives (i.e. money off with own bag)
- Lead by example
- Demand energy efficient; Built Green

Business & Individual:

- Product stewardship; packaging
- Reaching kids in schools as change agents for mom and dad
- Make it easy to do the sustainable thing. Work together (must be flexible)

City Government:

- Framework and vision.
- Involve others- manpower, funding in-kind
- Individual & others have to do, (*City has*) to make vision a reality
- *Constantly* need feedback on best practices and vision
- Activate youth
- Stay prominent and up-to-date.
- Emphasize & educate- "3 Rs" (*reduce, reuse, recycle*)

- Work in progress
- New trash rates
- Involve multi-family (dwellings)

Individual Education

- Work
- Schools
- Churches
- Business
- Speakers Bureau/ Support. City experts to share the issues.

Associations for Connection:

- Neighborhood planning
- Neighborhood Associations. Experts. City resources

Green Leaders (Business)

- Directory- Neighborhood / Chamber (*of Commerce*) Partnership
- Award Recognition with Kirkland (i.e. - Web site Business list)

Individual:

- Change Values
- Give Back: Everyone can!
 - Time
 - Money
 - Expertise
 - Role Model!
- Consume Less

Government:

- Create Incentives
 - Taxes
 - Regulations
 - Programs
- Master Plan
- Education

Business:

- Shop Local (supplies)
- Follow Regulations
- Become an Educator
- Public/Private partnership

Non-Profit Organizations and Community Group:

- Be proactive
- Organize projects